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RE: Request For A 30 Day Extension For Public Comment On The Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement For Continued Operation Of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory And Supplemental Stockpile Stewardship And Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (LLNL SW/SPEIS)

Dear Mr. Grim:

The Green Party USA requests a 30 day extension on the LLNL SW/SPEIS deadline for public comments, which would make the new deadline June 27, 2004.

The public comment process is a fundamental aspect of the National Environmental Policy Act. In order to have high quality written comments there must be adequate time for people to read, analyse and write their comments. Because the LLNL SW/SPEIS is well over 2,000 pages and very technical, this task requires adequate time for people to participate.

1/31.02

Ultimately, the increased participation and quality of participation should in the long-run save time and money because potential problems will be addressed in the planning stages rather than after something goes wrong.

In addition, many of our members in California and across the United States have recently learned about the LLNL SW/SPEIS due to publicity in the media. Therefore, these members are up against a very short timeframe to prepare comments. This is another reason, why it is important that the deadline be extended.

We appreciate your considering our letter and request a response by May 21, 2004.

Sincerely,

Don Fitz
Green Party USA

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Draft Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement
for Continued Operation of Lawrence Livermore
National Laboratory and Supplemental Stockpile
Stewardship and Management Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement
U.S. Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration



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Submitted By Annie Griffin: P.O. Box 5415 Monterey, CA 93942

1/31.01 Done of The 3 options are acceptable to me.

" Lawrence Livermore Labs is famous for "mishaps".

2/25.06 none of which have been critically reviewed or addressed so they may not happen again. The blatant mistruths about accidents, leaks etc show how integrity (an imperative when dealing with nuclear weapons) is completely lacking.

3/23.02 The arrival of "risk assessments" due to radiation exposure is an insult to all of our intelligences! How can anyone determine who got cancer from a radioactive particle? It's impossible unless each person, who died of a cancer was biopsied and radioactive particles found.

4/01.01 The rest of the world distrusts our government and I believe and feel intuitively that much of the world is secretly girding itself against

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4/01.01 cont.	our growing threat. Sending a message we can build you can disarm" is not one we should carry.
5/07.01	Lawrence Livermore Lab. should adopt a peaceful work solution. How to get rid of plutonium or store it safely.
6/08.01	Article 1 Therefore I submit "Managing the US nuclear weapons stockpile." P. 37 The curatorship option. It's the only way to keep the balance of the weapons we have and the going forward of disarming ourselves and the rest of the world... together. There are better ways of doing things always.
3/23.02 cont.	I submit information on spills, vents of radioactive material, mistakes, mishaps. Dr. Cofman's comments, a letter from a renowned Dr. John Rasmussen a Los Alamos Lab. nuclear scientist. Please address the following: So: 1) How can you say that a people will get cancer due to released radiation. What documents your conclusions? How many cancer victims have you assessed and interviewed? How many biopsies have you examined for radioactive particles, in millions? 2) How do you explain the huge rise in cancer since the advent of nuclear power? (Source: American Cancer Society) 3) you mention in EIR that a probability of accident is "once in a million years" when in fact since the advent of nuclear power ^{accidents} have already been in the 1000s of accidents, reported and unreported. See <i>Time</i> magazine article October 31, 1988
2/25.06 cont.	

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7/07.01	4) Instead of researching deadly bugs and bombs we need the lab to become an effective "think tank" to find answers to a peaceful co-existence with our world community. The old adage we can get more peas with honey than vinegar still stands. If we must have weapons to protect ourselves why not work on nerve gases that temporarily put people to sleep until our mission is accomplished. Humans weapons that don't mangle or kill or pollute. That is something that we can create just as you scientists have created these monstrosities that do kill mangle.
1/31.01 cont.	alternatives, to lessen the threat of world hatred towards the US, is being locked at bedside of the 3 options given to us in the Draft EIS.
8/25.06	5) The accident assessments are sorely lacking What happens if a terrorist attack happens at the Please use other side if more space is needed.

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8/25.06 cont.	<p>1.4</p> <p>Lawrence Livermore Lab? What will be the consequences of plutonium windstred? What evacuation procedures, displacements of people in homes forever. What am of the government will pay for the relocation of families that survive? What is the emergency procedures going to be? Who will pay for the health costs?</p>
9/01.01	<p>6) How will the furthering of nuclear testing affect the rest of the world? What can we expect in terms of other countries trying to match our race? What impact will this have on the environment world wide?</p>
10/23.01	<p>7) How will your children be affected?</p>
11/23.03	<p>Article 3</p> <p>8) Please explain how your study compared with Lemons findings that links between leukemia & nuclear reactors are so different in research (look to Research' article)</p>
12/33.01	<p>Article 2</p> <p>9) How are you going to contain the nuclear waste at Savannah storage facilities during floods? Already millions of pounds of radioactive waste has gone into rivers & underground caverns.</p>
13/25.06	<p>Article 4</p> <p>10) In the past the DOE has been notorious in concealing accidents. (see article on concealing accidents) How are you going to assure the people this won't continue.</p>

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	<p>-----Original Message----- From: John Guffey [mailto:jguffey@eaglerockschool.org] Sent: Friday, May 07, 2004 7:15 AM To: tom.grim@oak.doe.gov Subject: Planned increase of nuclear activities</p> <p>Dear Mr. Grim,</p> <p>Please consider this letter with my comments on the environmental and proliferation risks from proposed nuclear weapons development and new plutonium and tritium programs at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).</p>
1/02.01	<p>I write to you because the DOE has prepared a draft Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) that proposes to ramp up nuclear weapons activities at the Livermore Lab in Northern California. Livermore Lab is working on the design of a new, high-yield nuclear bunker-buster, called the "Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator," and I oppose its development. Additionally, I oppose the development of so-called "mini-nukes" and other new nuclear weapons concepts being researched at Livermore Lab.</p>
	<p>Here are my comments on six dangerous new programs being proposed at Livermore Lab.</p>
2/08.02	<p>1. Storage of More Nuclear Materials: This plan will more than double the storage limit for plutonium at Livermore Lab from 1,540 pounds to 3,300 pounds. It would increase the radioactive tritium storage limit from 30 grams to 35 grams. I join California Peace Action and the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs group in calling on DOE to de-inventory the plutonium and tritium stocks at Livermore Lab, not increase them.</p>
3/27.01, 33.01	<p>2. Plutonium Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation (AVLIS): This plan will revive a project that was canceled more than 10 years ago because it was dangerous and unnecessary. The project is Plutonium AVLIS. This is a scheme to heat and vaporize plutonium and then shoot multiple laser beams through the hot vapor to separate out plutonium isotopes. To do this, Livermore Lab plans to increase the amount of plutonium that can be used at one time in any one room from 44 pounds to 132 pounds a 3-fold increase. I join California Peace Action and the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs in calling for cancellation of this project.</p>
4/26.01, 26.03	<p>3. Dangerous New Experiments in the National Ignition Facility Mega-Laser: This plan will add plutonium, highly-enriched uranium and lithium hydride to experiments in the National Ignition Facility (NIF) mega-laser when it is completed at Livermore Lab. Using these materials in the NIF will increase its usefulness for nuclear weapons development. It will also make the NIF more hazardous to workers and the environment. I join California Peace Action and the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs in calling for</p>

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cont.
- a close out of the NIF project and termination of plans to use plutonium and other new materials in it.
4. New Technologies for Producing Plutonium Bomb Cores: This plan makes Livermore Lab the place to test new manufacturing technologies for producing plutonium pits for nuclear weapons. A pit is the softball-sized piece of plutonium that sits inside a modern nuclear weapon and triggers its thermonuclear explosion. DOE says these new technologies will then be used in a new bomb core factory, called the Modern Pit Facility (MPF).
- 5/37.01
The Livermore Lab plutonium pit program will enable the MPF and production of 150 - 450 plutonium bomb cores annually, with the ability to run double shifts and produce 900 per year. This production capability would approximate the combined nuclear arsenals of France and China each year. I join California Peace Action and the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs in calling for termination of this technology development project.
- 6/39.01
5. Enhancing Readiness to Resume Full-Scale Nuclear Tests: This plan calls for Livermore Lab to develop diagnostics to "enhance" the nation's readiness to conduct full-scale underground nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site. This is a dangerous step back to the days of unrestrained nuclear testing and I join with California Peace Action and Tri-Valley CAREs to oppose any move to "enhance" U.S. readiness to conduct full-scale tests.
- 7/35.01
6. Mixing Bugs and Bombs: This plan mixes bugs and bombs at Livermore Lab. It calls for collocating an advanced bio-warfare agent research facility with nuclear weapons activities in a classified area at Livermore Lab. The DOE proposes genetic modification and aerosolization (spraying) with live anthrax, plague and other deadly pathogens on site at LLNL. This could weaken the international biological weapons treaty -- and it poses a risk to workers, the public and the environment here in the California. Interestingly, this program is listed as part of LLNL's "no action alternative" as though it were an existing program -- even though it is not yet constructed, Tri-Valley CAREs has brought litigation against it, and a federal Judge has issued a "stay" prohibiting the importation of dangerous pathogens into the facility while the lawsuit moves forward. I join Tri-Valley CAREs in opposing the operation of a bio-warfare agent facility at Livermore Lab.
- 8/04.01
I believe the DOE plan to introduce new weapons programs into LLNL will promote a new arms race and escalate the nuclear danger. Further, the DOE proposal to double LLNL's plutonium storage limit to 3,300 pounds and triple the amount held "at risk" in any one room increases the environmental threat LLNL poses to the people of California. The SWEIS propels Livermore Lab in exactly the wrong direction.
- 9/07.01
Instead of proposing new weapons projects, DOE should enhance the peaceful, civilian scientific capabilities and mission at Livermore Lab by proposing new, unclassified programs in environmental cleanup, non-polluting and renewable energy, earth sciences, astrophysics, atmospheric physics and others. The alternative of a "green lab" in

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cont.
- Livermore should be pursued instead of the dangerous nuclear weapons future proposed by the Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Geim:

1/04.01 I must say that your last name is indicative
of many of our fears of the activities at the
Livermore Lab. The Environmental Impact Statement
is simply frightening. Plutonium bomb cores?
Biological weapons? Have we lost our minds?
I ask you to consider the costs in human
terms, as well as environmental and moral ones.
I have written this by hand, rather than word-
process, to emphasize the sincerity of my
concern.

Sincerely,
Catherine Hamlett.

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STOP the environmental impact statement
1/04.01 on Livermore Lab's planned ops for the next
2/33.01 ten years. This plan will double plutonium limit
3/37.01 at labs, as well as enable production of 150-450
bombs. As well as do other nasty stuff.

Thanks
Vance Hamstring

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1/02.01

Dear Mr. Grim:

Peaceful democracies
have never been
created thru armed
conflicts, wars and
people shooting at
one another. My
family (reverse) is
totally against this
expensive + destr-
uctive research.

Sincerely, Frank Harold

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We don't Want the Livermore Lab to make plutonium bomb cores. Never * Never * Never

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1/04.01 I'm here for my aunt who is a physics professor at Eastern University in El Salvador. AND for my husband who is a ~~Vietnam Vet~~ ^{friend} also for a friend who once was a mathematician at NASA, ~~she~~ ^{my friend} ~~thought~~ ^{thought} she was developing a formula for a rocket to mars. A year later she found she helped develop the first ballistic missile. Betrayed by her country, she became a ~~religious~~ ^{religious} sister. My husband was betrayed by the U.S. allowing Israeli jets to strike the USSR, so Israel could develop nuclear weapons. My aunt believes in democracy and supports the FMLN. After Spain elected a socialist candidate Mr. U.S. send notice to El Salvador to reelect the Bush backed candidate with memories of 70,000 people killed last time El Salvador disagreed with the U.S. the Bush favorite won. ~~El Salvador's intentions in no continuation of its working on stop.~~ Scientists in Germany were used for Nazi automobiles. With respect I ask all government employees to think of how they are being used to support an imperial power that is oppressing the world.

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Economic security

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Attn: Tom Grim, Document Manager, L-293

"Gentlemen:

I wish to express my objections to the nuclear weapons to be manufactured and held at the Livermore, and stored at the Nevada test site.

1/02.01 It is incongruous that the United States can express violent objections and even go to war at the possibility that there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and complain about the nuclear weapons in North Korea, and then prepare to lay out a full buffet of new programs to be implemented at the Livermore Lab, all concerned with the manufacture and storage of nuclear weapons.

2/03.01 I beg you to consider the moral points of this program when there are so many starving people in the world which would be vastly helped by the money spent on weapons of mass destruction, as well as the health of the people in the area.

Please give this your earnest consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Betty Heffernan